GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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CLOSURE OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there has been sickness in Agro and Rural Industries sector causing consistent closing down of units;

(b) if so, the details of units closed down in the country particularly in Punjab during the last five years and thereafter; and

(c) the steps being taken to revive them and to restrict import of the items manufactured by these units?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a): No, Sir. However, some units do close down.

(b): Such information is not maintained centrally.

(c): The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) provides one time financial assistance in the form of margin money for setting up such village industries, in addition to assistance in the form of technological, training and marketing support. There is no scheme to provide additional financial assistance to sick/loss making units. The Government has not received any complaint regarding dumping of Village Industries items so as to necessitate action for restriction of imports of items manufactured by these units.